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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 197, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to billing for reportable incidents in health care.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 197, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 197.590, to read as follows:

197.590. 1. Beginning January 1, 2010, any hospital that reports a reportable incident shall not charge for or bill any entity, including third-party payors and patients, for all services related to the reportable incident. If a third-party payor denies a claim, in whole or in part, because there is no coverage for services that resulted in any of the reportable incidents described in this section, the health care professional or facility that provided such services is prohibited from billing the patient for such services.

2. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Reportable incident", an occurrence of one or more of the actions or outcomes included in the list of serious adverse events in health care as initially defined by the National Quality Forum in its March 2002 report and subsequently updated by the National Quality Forum, including all criteria established for identifying such events;

(2) "Third-party payor", a health carrier as defined in section 376.1350, RSMo, an organization entering into a preferred provider arrangement, and a third-party administrator for a self-funded health benefit plan.

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